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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 27 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 27-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-9 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hutchison (6,725,061) in view of Bowen (WO 03/007149).

Regarding claims 4 and 6, Hutchison discloses an interface system, comprising: a radio having a microcontroller 112, 114 with bi-directional GPIO(s) connected to an external radio interface 136, wherein the GPIO(s) interface being configured as an input device upon radio power-up (upon radio power-up and connection to external accessory) and wherein the radio periodically checking the external radio interface to detect the presence of an accessory; a plurality of accessories having physical configuration descriptors stored therein and each having an external radio interface; and the external radio interface automatically being configured to detect the attachment of each accessory based on the physical configuration descriptors of each of the plurality of accessories (See figs. 1, 3-4 and col. 5 line 1 to col. 6 line 51). However, Hutchison does not mention that upon accessory detection, the radio reads event mapping descriptor stored in a memory of the accessory and configures the external radio interface in response thereto. Bowen teaches a radio device (See fig. 3) capable of coupling with an accessory device, wherein the radio device, upon the attachment of the

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accessory device to its interface, reads software driver code (event mapping descriptors) stored in a memory of the accessory device and configures its interface in response thereto (for operating the accessory device) (See figs. 2-4 and page 12 lines 8-18, page 16 lines 14-23, page 17 line 30 to page 18 line 6, page 20 line 14 to page 21 line 6). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teachings of Bowen in modifying the system as disclosed by Hutchison for the advantage of allowing the radio device and the attached accessory device (future accessory device) to function together in their intended manner.

Claims 1, 2 and 27-28 are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 4 and 6.

Regarding claims 3 and 7, Hutchison & Bowen disclose as cited in claims 2 and 6. Hutchison further discloses the physical configuration descriptors includes data direction, logic sense and priority and provides logic highs and lows to the GPIO(s) (See fig. 3).

Regarding claim 5, Hutchison & Bowen disclose as cited in claim 4. Hutchison further discloses the GPIO(s) comprises an extended GPIO to limit the interface system to predetermined accessories (See col. 5 lines 24-28).

Regarding claim 8, Hutchison & Bowen disclose as cited in claim 6. Hutchison further discloses the radio modifies performance of an accessory from the plurality of accessories based on the physical descriptor of that accessory, by selectively controlling the logic of the GPIO(s) (See col. 5 lines 19-22).

Regarding claim 9, Hutchison & Bowen disclose as cited in claim 6. Hutchison further discloses the radio rejects an accessory from the plurality of accessories based on the physical descriptor of the accessory (See fig. 4).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Remark, filed 01/09/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-9 and 27 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7858. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10:00AM-6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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